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RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: 4/12/82 (B)

Bureau has been requested to conduct investigation of Wirthlin, who is being considered for a White House staff access. Born March 15, 1931 at Salt Lake City, Utah and resides at 7530 Potomac Fall Road, McLean, Virginia. SF 86 and records release enclosed.

Washington Field Office will insure at least twenty-five persons knowledgeable concerning appointee are interviewed.

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Referral/Consult

Baltimore check DCII.

Pittsburgh check OPM.

Saint Louis check FRC - M.

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NOTE: Request received March 24, 1982 from Fred Fielding, Counsel to the President.

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Subject Wikthlin, Richard Bitner

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Subject Wirthlin, Joseph Legrand
Birthdate & Place 1893
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Birthdate & Place 1893
Address Deceased

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 23, 1982

(Date)

TO: FBI, LIAISON

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING

SUBJECT: FBI Investigations

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Subject's Name WIRTHLIN, RICHARD BITNER (SS# 528-36-7859)

Date of Birth March 15, 1931 Place of Birth Salt Lake City, Utah

Present Address 7530 Potomac Fall Road, McLean, Virginia

We request:

_____ Copy of Previous Report

_____ Name Check

X Full Field Investigation NO IRS TO FBI (2 copies, please)

The person named above is being considered for:

_____ White House Staff Position

_____ Presidential Appointment

X Access

Attachments:

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SECURITY INVESTIGATION DATA FOR SENSITIVE POSITION

CASE SERIAL NO. (CSC use only)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Prepare in triplicate, using a typewriter. Fill in all items. If the answer is "No" or "None," so state. If more space is needed for any item, continue under item 28.

1. FULL NAME (Initials and abridgements of full name are not acceptable. If no middle name, show "(NMN)"; if initials only, show "(no given or middle name)")	(LAST NAME)	(FIRST NAME)	(MIDDLE NAME)	2. DATE OF BIRTH
	WIRTHLIN,	RICHARD	BITNER	March 15, 1931
OTHER NAMES USED. (Maiden name, names by former marriages, former names changed legally or otherwise, aliases, nicknames, etc. Specify which, and show dates used.)	NONE			3. PLACE OF BIRTH: Salt Lake City, Utah
				4. ☒ MALE ☐ FEMALE

5. HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
5'8"	176	Hazel	Brown

6. ☐ SINGLE ☒ MARRIED ☐ WIDOW(ER) ☐ DIVORCED

7. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, GIVE FULL NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE. INCLUDE WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME. GIVE DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE. (Give same information regarding all previous marriages and divorces.)

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8. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE. (If actual places of residence differ from the mailing addresses, furnish and identify both. Begin with present and go back to January 1, 1937. Continue under item 28 on other side if necessary.)

	FROM	TO	NUMBER AND STREET	CITY	STATE
RH	9/81	Present	7530 Potomac Fall Rd.	McLean	Virginia
LA	7/69	9/81	16109 Rio Florida	Whittier	California
PK	3/68	7/69	1218 Del Rio Ave.	Tempe	Arizona
SU	6/61	3/68	Rented various houses	Provo	Utah
SF	9/57	6/61	Apt. on Virginia Ave.	Berkeley	California
SU	11/56	9/57	Student housing Univ. of Utah	Salt Lake City	Utah
SU	9/55	11/56	654 W. 53rd South	Murray	Utah
	1/54	9/55	U.S. Army housing	Misc. assignments	
	1/51	1/54	Misc. Apts. - 49 Leimingtrasse,	Basel,	Switzerland
	6/46	1/51	654 W. 53rd South	Murray	Utah
	1/37	6/46	1057 East 4th South	Salt Lake City	Utah

9. ☒ U.S. CITIZEN ☐ BY BIRTH ☐ NATURALIZED — CERT. NO. — ALIEN REGISTRATION NO. — PETITION NO. — DATE, PLACE, AND COURT.

☐ DERIVED-PARENTS CERT. NO(S).

☐ ALIEN — REGISTRATION NO. — NATIVE COUNTRY — DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY

10. EDUCATION. (All schools above elementary.)

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM (Year)	TO (Year)		DEGREES
Stewart School	Univ. of Utah	1946	1947		None
East High School	850 12th East	1947	1948		None
Murray High School	5400 State Street	1948	1949		High School Diploma
Univ. of Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah	1949	1951	SU	
		1955	1956	SU	BA
		1956	1957	SU	MA
Univ. of Calif. Berkeley	Berkeley, Ca.	1957	1961	SF	PhD

(Month/year)

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11. THIS SPACE FOR FBI USE. (See also item 29.)

12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: 528-36-7859

13. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present)

SERIAL NO. (If none, give grade or rating at separation)	BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Air Force, etc.)	FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)
Specialist 3rd	Army	1954	1955

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26a. REFERENCES. *(Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are aware of your qualifications and fitness.)*

NAME IN FULL	HOME ADDRESS	BUSINESS ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
(SEE ATTACHED)			20

26b. CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATES. *(Name three persons, such as friends, schoolmates or colleagues, who know you well.)*

NAME IN FULL	HOME ADDRESS	BUSINESS ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
(SEE ATTACHED)			26

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27. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A FULL FIELD OR BACKGROUND PERSONAL INVESTIGATION BY ANY AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? ☐ YES ☒ NO. *(If your answer is "Yes," show in item 28, (1) the name of the investigating agency (2) the approximate date of investigation, and (3) the level of security clearance granted, if known.)*

28. SPACE FOR CONTINUING ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS. *(Show item numbers to which answers apply. Attach a separate sheet if there is not enough space here.)*

29. REPORT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED. *(This space reserved for FBI use.)* DATE:

Before signing this form check back over it to make sure you have answered all questions fully and correctly.

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

False statement on this form is punishable by law.

March 17 1982
(DATE)

(SIGNATURE—*Sign original and first carbon copy*)

INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY AGENCY

INSTRUCTIONS TO AGENCY: See Federal Personnel Manual Chapter 736 and FPM Supplement 296-31, Appendix A, for details on when this form is required and how it is used. If this is a request for investigation before appointment, insert "APPL" in the space for Date of Appointment and show information about the *proposed* appointment in the other spaces for appointment data. The *original* and the *first* carbon copy should be signed by the applicant or appointee. Submit the *original* and the *unsigned* carbon copy of the form, Standard Form 87 (Fingerprint Chart), and any investigative information about the person received on voucher forms or otherwise, to the United States Civil Service Commission, Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Washington, D.C., 20415. If this is a request for full field security investigation, submit these forms to the attention of the Division of Reimbursable Investigations; if this is a request for preappointment national agency checks, submit these forms to the attention of the Control Section.

RETAIN THE CARBON COPY OF STANDARD FORM 86 (SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT OR APPOINTEE) FOR YOUR FILES

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT	CIVIL SERVICE REGULATION NUMBER OR OTHER APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY	TITLE OF POSITION AND GRADE OR SALARY
	☐ EXCEPTED ☑ COMPETITIVE *(Include indefinite and temporary types of competitive appointments.)*		

DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY	DUTY STATION	SEND RESULTS OF PREAPPOINTMENT CHECK TO:

THIS IS A SENSITIVE POSITION.

(SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED AGENCY OFFICIAL)

☆ GPO : 1980 — 311-153 (6007)

14. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMED FORCES UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS? ☐ YES ☒ NO.
(If answer is "Yes," give details in item 28.)

15. EMPLOYMENT. *(List ALL employment dates starting with your present employment. Give both month and year for all dates. Show ALL dates and addresses when unemployed. Give name under which employed if different from name now used.)*

FROM	TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (*Firm or agency*) AND SUPERVISOR (*Full name, if known*)	ADDRESS (*Where employed*)	TYPE OF WORK	REASON FOR LEAVING
2/69	Present	Decision/Making/Information WFO	1050 17th St. Wash., D.C.	President	N/A
9/61	2/69	Brigham Young Univ. - SY Weldon Taylor	Provo, Utah	Professor	Set up own research co.
9/57	9/61	Univ. of California Dept. of Economics SF		Teaching Asst.	Full time teaching
9/55	9/57	University of Utah SY	Salt Lake City	Teaching Asst.	
1/54	9/55	U.S. Army			
9/53	1/54	Wirthlin & Sons SY	812 E. 2nd South Salt Lake City	Misc.	Army
1/51	9/53	Missionary - LDS Church SY	49 Leimingtrasse Basel, Switzerland	Missionary	
6/43	1/51	Wirthlin & Sons SY	(Above)	Truck driver	

(Month/year)

16. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED (FIRED) FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR ANY REASON? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

17. HAVE YOU EVER RESIGNED (QUIT) AFTER BEING INFORMED THAT YOUR EMPLOYER INTENDED TO DISCHARGE (FIRE) YOU FOR ANY REASON? ☐ YES ☒ NO.
(If your answer to 16 or 17 above is "Yes" give details in item 28. Show the name and address of employer, approximate date) and reasons in each case. This information should agree with the statements made in item 15—EMPLOYMENT.)

18. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, HELD FOR INVESTIGATION OR QUESTIONING, OR CHARGED BY ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY? *(You may omit: (1) Traffic violations for which you paid a fine of $30 or less; and (2) anything that happened before your 16th birthday. All other incidents must be included, even though they were dismissed or you merely forfeited collateral.)* ☐ YES ☒ NO.

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," GIVE FULL DETAILS BELOW:

DATE	CHARGE	PLACE	LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY	ACTION TAKEN

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19. HAVE YOU EVER HAD A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN OR HAVE YOU EVER HAD MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR A MENTAL CONDITION? ☐ YES ☒ NO.
(If your answer is "Yes," give details in item 28.)

20. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (SINCE 1930). *(Exclusive of military service.)*

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U.S.A.	DATE RETURNED U.S.A.	PURPOSE
Switzerland	1/51	8/53	Missionary
Germany, Austria & Switzerland	11/80	12/80	Tourist

21. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., OR ANY COMMUNIST OR FASCIST ORGANIZATION? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

22. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH IS TOTALITARIAN, FASCIST, COMMUNIST, OR SUBVERSIVE, OR WHICH HAS ADOPTED, OR SHOWS, A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, OR WHICH SEEKS TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

23. IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 21 OR 22 ABOVE IS "YES," STATE THE NAMES OF ALL SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, MOVEMENTS, GROUPS, OR COMBINATIONS OF PERSONS AND DATES OF MEMBERSHIP. IN ITEM 28 OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS FORM, GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF YOUR ACTIVITIES THEREIN AND MAKE ANY EXPLANATION YOU DESIRE REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR ACTIVITIES.

NAME IN FULL	ADDRESS	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD

24. MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. *(List all organizations in which you are now a member or have been a member, except those which show religious or political affiliations.)* *(If none, so state.)*

NAME IN FULL	ADDRESS	TYPE	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD
Sigma Chi	1st South, 14th East Salt Lake City	Fraternal	1949	1955	
Amer. Assoc. of Economics		Professional	1960	Present	
Nat'l Assoc. of Political Pollsters		Professional	1974	Present	
American Marketing Association		Professional	1974	Present	
American Assoc. of Public Opinion Research		Professional	1970	Present	

25. RELATIVES. *(Parents, spouse, divorced spouse, children, brothers, and sisters, living or dead. Name of spouse should include maiden name and any other names by previous marriage. If person is dead, state "dead" after relationship and furnish information for other columns as of time of death.)*

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	YEAR OF BIRTH	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH		PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Father	Joseph Legrand	1893	Deceased	USA	X	USA
Mother	Madeline Bitner	1893	Deceased	USA	X	USA
				USA	AX	USA
				USA	SY	USA
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Home phone number for Richard B. Wirthlin: (703) 556-8745
Office phone number: (202) 822-9010

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TO:

This letter confirms in writing your express consent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to make an investigation of your background as part of the consideration for your application for employment.

You should be aware that the authority to collect this background information is based on the President's executive powers in Article II of the Constitution. The information will be used to obtain necessary clearances to assist you in your work. The background information, which includes a review of FBI files, will be disclosed to another Federal agency, to assist in its process of clearing you. Willfully making a false statement, or concealing a material fact, may constitute a violation of Section 1001, Title 18, of the U.S. Code.

If you provide any information which indicates a violation of law, whether civil, criminal or regulatory in nature, it will be referred to the appropriate Federal, state, local or foreign agency.

By volunteering information about how you exercise rights guaranteed by the First Amendment, it will be assumed that you are expressly authorizing the maintenance of this information in the records of any Federal agency.

The FBI investigation will include the collection and use of relevant information in the files of various Federal agencies and it is necessary that you authorize the disclosure of such information to the FBI.

If you consent to such an investigation, and to the disclosure of relevant information by other Federal departments and agencies to the FBI, please sign your name below and return this original letter of consent to me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding

Approved: Leo B. Wood

Date: March 18, 1982

AUTHORITY TO RELEASE INFORMATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby authorize any Special Agent or other authorized representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation bearing this release, or copy thereof, within one year of its date, to obtain any information in your files pertaining to my educational records including, but not limited to, academic, achievement, attendance, athletic, personal history, and disciplinary records; employment records; and credit records. I hereby direct you to release such information upon request of the bearer. This release is executed with full knowledge and understanding that the information is for the official use of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Consent is granted for the FBI to furnish such information, as is described above, to third parties in the course of fulfilling its official responsibilities. I hereby release you, as the custodian of such records, and any school, college, university, or other educational institution, credit bureau or consumer reporting agency, including its officers, employees, or related personnel, both individually and collectively, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind, which may at any time result to me, my heirs, family or associates because of compliance with this authorization and request to release information, or any attempt to comply with it. Should there be any question as to the validity of this release, you may contact me as indicated below:

Full Name: _____
Signature

Full Name: Richard Bitner Wirthlin
Type or print name

Parent or Guardian:
(if required): _____

Date: March 17, 1982

Current Address: 7530 Potomac Fall Road
McLean, Virginia 22101

Telephone Number: (703) 556-8745

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TO DIRECTOR (ROUTINE)

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RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: APRIL 12, 1982

RE BUREAU AIRTEL DATED MARCH 25, 1982.

THE DEFENSE CENTRAL INDEX OF INVESTIGATIONS (DCII), A DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) INDEX TO SECURITY, APPLICANT, AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE FILES, WAS CHECKED THROUGH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT AGENCY ON MARCH 29, 1982, AND DISCLOSED NO RECORD LOCATED FOR APPOINTEE.

NO PERSONS CONTACTED REQUESTED CONFIDENTIALITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT.

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PRECEDENCE:
- ☐ Immediate
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CLASSIFICATION:
- ☐ TOP SECRET
- ☐ SECRET
- ☐ CONFIDENTIAL
- ☐ UNCLAS E F T O
- ☐ UNCLAS

Date 4/8/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (161B-447) (RUC)

RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: 4/12/82

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ADMINISTRATIVE

All individuals contacted were apprised of the provisions of the Privacy Act and none requested confidentiality.

Salt Lake City indices negative.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Provo and Springville; SA [redacted] SC [redacted] and SA [redacted] at Salt Lake City, Utah:

EDUCATION

AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH:

On 4/6/82, [redacted] University of Utah, advised that the appointee's transcript shows that he had University of Utah student number 13542 and home address was shown as 654 West 53 South, Murray, Utah, at the time he attended the University. Appointee's birth date was recorded as March 15, 1931, at Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Transcript revealed that the appointee attended the University of Utah during the following terms: Fall, 1949; Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall of 1950; Fall, 1953; Evening Residence 1954-55; Fall, 1955; Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall of 1956 and Winter and Spring of 1957.

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Appointee received his B.S. Degree in Economics on 8/24/56, with honors. He received his M.A. Degree in Economics on 8/30/57. Appointee's grade point average and class standing was not computed. No failing grades or adverse information was noted on the transcript and no instructors were identified through this record.

EMPLOYMENT

AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH:

On 4/5/82, [redacted] Wirthlin's Meat Company, 812 E. 200 S., advised that the appointee is [redacted] He stated he is too young to remember the appointee's dates of employment with the company. There is nobody currently employed who would remember the appointee and he indicated their pay records do not go back that far. [redacted] indicated [redacted] was the owner and manager at this time and would be able to verify this information.

On 4/5/82, [redacted] advised he would be able to readily verify the fact that [redacted] worked for him while he was in Junior High and High School and for two periods of time while he was going to college. He was furnished the dates of 6/43 to 1/51 and 9/53 to 1/54 as the dates furnished by the appointee wherein he worked for Wirthlin & Sons. He stated these dates appear to be basically correct. He stated he was able to verify this period of time in view of the fact that the appointee served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1/51, to 8/53. He remembers the appointee worked for him prior to going on his "mission" and for a short time subsequent to his return. He remembers the appointee as a conscientious, dependable and trustworthy employee. He recalls the appointee as being an energetic, enthusiastic young man who related well to everyone. The appointee never said or did anything which would have reflected unfavorably upon his character, reputation, ability or loyalty to the United States. He stated he would be pleased to recommend the appointee for a position of trust and responsibility with the government.

On 4/7/82, [redacted] Records Management Section, University of Utah, advised a review of his microfilm discloses the appointee was employed as a teaching assistant during the years 1956-57. [redacted] stated his reports for this period of time are not complete due to errors in microfilming. [redacted] stated the appointee could well have been employed in September, 1955, and his employment would not show on the microfilm until January, 1956. [redacted] advised this microfilm did not disclose any unfavorable information.

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On 4/5/82, [redacted] Missionary Records, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS), 50 East North Temple, advised church records indicate Richard Bitner Wirthlin served a voluntary mission in the Swiss-Austria Mission from 2/2/51, until his honorable release 8/27/53. He was rated by his mission president at the time of his release as "Excellent".

Both Samuel E. Bringhurst and William F. Perschon were identified as presidents of the Swiss-Austria Mission during the period of time appointee served. Investigation determined both Bringhurst and Perschon are deceased.

[redacted], Council of the Twelve Apostles, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 47 East South Temple, advised he is well acquainted with appointee. He described appointee as a first rate researcher of public opinion and a person of superb integrity and confidentiality. He is helpful without overstepping his bounds and is worthy of well placed trust. He possesses undeviating loyalty to the United States Government and understands the consequences of Communistic philosophy. He described appointee as a strong family man who is thoughtful and sensitive but one who does not compromise principle. He considers appointee to be a very broadly gauged intellectual with whom he is impressed and knows of nothing which would reflect unfavorably upon appointee's character, reputation or ability. He highly recommends appointee.

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AT SPRINGVILLE, UTAH:

On April 5, 1982, [redacted] Brigham Young University (BYU) Employment Office, advised that appointee was employed at BYU as a professor of economics from 1961 to February, 1969. She advised that appointee was re-employed from January, 1977, to August, 1978, as a faculty member in the Department of Government. She advised that BYU records indicate appointee is eligible for re-hire.

On April 6, 1982, [redacted] (retired professor at BYU), [redacted] advised he has known the appointee since prior to 1961. He said when the appointee first came to BYU, he was hired as a professor of Economics; however, he was in the process of completing a PH.D.Degree. [redacted] advised that at that time he was [redacted] and that after the appointee completed his degree, the appointee became Chairman of the Economics Department. He said that while the appointee was Chairman of the Department, he [redacted] continued to be [redacted] said he became very closely acquainted with the appointee; however, his relationship was basically professional.

[redacted] described the appointee as being an unusually dedicated scholar, who lived and operated by the truth. He said the appointee was very cooperative, very helpful, and highly respected by his associates at school. He said the appointee was an extremely loyal American citizen, and was also loyal to his friends and principles. He said the appointee associated only with the best type of people, and could be completely trusted.

[redacted] stated that he would give the appointee his highest possible recommendation for employment with the United States Government.

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SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCES

AT PROVO, UTAH:

On April 5, 1982, [redacted] Department of Economics, BYU, advised he has known the appointee for approximately twenty years. He said they were fellow faculty members at BYU in Economics, and that in his opinion, the appointee is one of the finest economists and men that he has known. He said the appointee has extremely high respect by other members of the faculty and students, and that his character, associates, reputation and loyalty are above reproach. [redacted] advised that he has maintained contact with the appointee even since the appointee left BYU, and that he continues to believe the appointee to be professionally a very capable economist. He said that he would have no hesitation in giving the appointee his highest possible recommendation.

REFERENCE

AT PROVO, UTAH:

On April 5, 1982, [redacted] BYU, [redacted] advised he has known the appointee as fellow students, fellow faculty members, and close friends for over twenty-five years. He said he first met the appointee when they were both students at Berkeley, California, and that they have maintained a close relationship both socially and professionally since then. He described the appointee as being an extremely honest, dependable and trustworthy individual, whose integrity is above reproach. He said the appointee is a very loyal American citizen, and is academically qualified in the field of economics. He described the appointee as being a very active, loyal American whose personal habits and convictions are above reproach. He said the appointee is uncompromising on points of principle, and is a person of utmost honesty.

[redacted] advised that he would give the appointee a superb recommendation regarding his character, intellect, priorities and patriotism.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CREDIT AGENCIES

AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH:

The following individuals advised they could locate no records identifiable with the appointee or any of his listed adult relatives:

[redacted] Salt Lake City Police Department, 3/31/82
[redacted] Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, 4/1/82
[redacted] Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification, 4/1/82

It is noted the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification receives criminal records from all law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Utah.

No credit check was conducted inasmuch as appointee last resided in the State of Utah in 1968, and the Credit Bureau keeps no records beyond seven years.

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AT PROVO, UTAH:

The following individuals were contacted on April 5, 1982, and each advised they could locate no record of the appointee [redacted] Records Department, Utah County Sheriff's Office, Provo, Utah; [redacted] Records Department, Provo City Police Department, Provo, Utah; [redacted] Records, Police Department, Springville, Utah.

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RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN, SPIN (B). BUDED: APRIL 12, 1982.

REBUAIRTEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD, MARCH 25, 1982.

ALL PERSONS CONTACTED WERE APPRISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THOSE REQUESTING CONFIDENTIALITY HAVE BEEN SO NOTED.

MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS ON FILE AT FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, ST. LOUIS, MO., DISCLOSED RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN, SERVICE NO. 56 234 364, WAS INDUCTED INTO U.S. ARMY JANUARY 18, 1954, AND HE ENTERED ON ACTIVE DUTY SAME DATE AT FT. DOUGLAS, UTAH. HONORABLY RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY OCTOBER 17, 1955, AS SPECIALIST THIRD CLASS (E-4) AT DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH, BY REASON OF CONVENIENCE OF GOVERNMENT (EARLY RELEASE TO ATTEND SCHOOL), AND HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO RESERVE TO COMPLETE OBLIGATION.

SERVED IN U.S. ARMY RESERVE, INACTIVE STATUS, FROM OCTOBER 18, 1955, TO JANUARY 31, 1962, RECEIVING HONORABLE DISCHARGE AS

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SPECIALIST (E-4) UPON EXPIRATION OF TERM OF SERVICE.

WIRTHLIN HAD FOREIGN SERVICE IN OKINAWA, AND HE WAS AWARDED NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL. MILITARY OCCUPATIONS SHOWN AS ORDNANCE SUPPLY SPECIALIST AND AS CLERK TYPIST.

CONDUCT AND EFFICIENCY RATINGS WERE SHOWN AS "EXCELLENT," AND THERE WAS NO RECORD OF COURTS-MARTIAL OR ABSENCES WITHOUT OFFICIAL LEAVE. HE WAS GRANTED SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCE DECEMBER 21, 1954, WHICH WAS TERMINATED UPON SEPARATION PURSUANT TO DEFENSE REGULATIONS.

BIRTH DATA WERE SHOWN AS MARCH 15, 1931, AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. NO UNFAVORABLE INFORMATION WAS NOTED IN MILITARY RECORD.

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RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN; SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: APRIL 12, 1982

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO WFO DATED MARCH 25, 1982.

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APPOINTEE WAS BORN MARCH 15, 1931, AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, AND HAS SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER (SSAN) 528-36-7859. APPOINTEE CURRENTLY RESIDES AT 7530 POTOMAC FALL ROAD, MC LEAN, VIRGINIA. INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED ON APPOINTEE, WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR A WHITE HOUSE STAFF ACCESS.

ALEXANDRIA INVESTIGATION AT APPOINTEE'S CURRENT ADDRESS REVEALED THAT ONE OF HIS NEIGHBORS WAS UNITED STATES SENATOR ARMSTRONG (COLORADO). HOWEVER, SENATOR ARMSTRONG IS OUT OF TOWN UNTIL APRIL 12, 1982.

LEADS: WFO AT WASHINGTON, D.C. CONTACT SENATOR ARMSTRONG UPON HIS RETURN AND OBTAIN HIS COMMENTS REGARDING THE APPOINTEE.

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RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: APRIL 14, 1982

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO WFO, MARCH 25, 1982.

NEIGHBORHOOD: 7530 POTOMAC FALL ROAD, MCLEAN, VA., SEPTEMBER, 1981, TO PRESENT.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA MAURICE KELLIHER, JR., ON APRIL 7, 1982.

[redacted] ADVISED THAT SHE HAD KNOWN APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY SINCE THEY MOVED INTO THE ABOVE ADDRESS IN SEPTEMBER, 1981. [redacted] FAMILY HAD REGULAR CONTACT WITH APPOINTEE'S FAMILY SINCE SOME OF THEIR CHILDREN WERE THE SAME AGE. IN ADDITION, APPOINTEE'S OLDEST CHILD BABYSAT FOR [redacted] CHILDREN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. [redacted] DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS A VERY NICE MAN. [redacted] COULD NOT THINK OF ANYONE WITH BETTER CHARACTER. THEY HAD SOCIALIZED TOGETHER ON OCCASION AND APPOINTEE

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ALWAYS CONDUCTED HIMSELF IN A PROPER MANNER. [redacted] WAS NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING DEROGATORY REGARDING APPOINTEE. [redacted] HAD NO REASON TO QUESTION APPOINTEE'S ASSOCIATES OR REPUTATION. [redacted] KNEW THAT APPOINTEE WAS THE POLLSTER FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN. HOWEVER, [redacted] ADVISED THAT SHE DID NOT FEEL SHE KNEW APPOINTEE WELL ENOUGH TO RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT. YET SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY REASON WHY HE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE WHITE HOUSE. [redacted] FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE RESIDENTS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD DID NOT SOCIALIZE MUCH, SO EXCEPT FOR [redacted] (COLORADO), SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD HAVE KNOWN APPOINTEE. [redacted] STATED THAT [redacted] AND HIS FAMILY WOULD BE OUT OF TOWN UNTIL APRIL 12, 1982.

[redacted] ADVISED THAT SHE SLIGHTLY KNEW APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY SINCE HER SON WENT TO SCHOOL WITH ONE OF APPOINTEE'S SONS. APPOINTEE'S FAMILY WERE GOOD, QUIET NEIGHBORS. [redacted] WAS NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING DEROGATORY REGARDING APPOINTEE OR HIS FAMILY. [redacted] VERIFIED THAT APPOINTEE MOVED INTO THE ABOVE ADDRESS IN SEPTEMBER, 1981. [redacted] DID NOT FEEL SHE KNEW APPOINTEE WELL ENOUGH TO RECOMMEND HIM AS TO CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION,

OR LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES. BUT SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY REASON WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE HIM FROM ACCESS TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

INTERVIEW OF APPOINTEE: ON APRIL 8, 1982, [redacted] ADVISED SA MAURICE KELLIHER, JR., THAT [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] WAS BORN ON [redacted]

ARREST CHECKS: SC [redacted] CAUSED A SEARCH TO BE MADE OF THE FILES OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA., POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND WAS ADVISED ON APRIL 1, 1982, THAT NO RECORD WAS LOCATED REGARDING APPOINTEE AND SPOUSE. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT IN APPLICANT MATTERS ONLY CLASS 3 AND 4 MISDEMEANORS ARE AVAILABLE.

ON MARCH 31, 1982, A COMPUTERIZED CHECK OF THE CENTRAL CRIMINAL RECORDS EXCHANGE, VIRGINIA STATE POLICE, RICHMOND, VA., FAILED TO REFLECT ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE, DAUGHTER, OR SPOUSE. b6 b7C

[redacted] SC [redacted] CAUSED A SEARCH TO BE MADE OF THE FILES Referral/Consult [redacted]

ALL INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED WERE APPRISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THOSE REQUESTING CONFIDENTIALITY HAVE BEEN SO NOTED.

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RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED APRIL 12, 1982.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD, ET AL, MARCH 25, 1982.

EMPLOYMENT:

DECISION MAKING INFORMATION (DMI), 2760 NORTH MAIN STREET, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, FEBRUARY 1969 - PRESENT:

ON APRIL 7, 1982, [redacted] DMI, 2760 NORTH MAIN STREET, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED SA [redacted] [redacted] THAT SHE HAS WORKED FOR APPOINTEE SINCE APPOINTEE FIRST STARTED THIS COMPANY IN 1969. SHE SAID THAT DMI IS INVOLVED IN TAKING PUBLIC OPINION SURVEYS, PRIMARILY POLITICAL. SHE STATED THAT APPOINTEE IS A VERY CAPABLE

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PERSON WHO IS TOTALLY COMMITTED TO HIS WORK. SHE SAID THAT APPOINTEE IS THE PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF DMI, WHICH WAS FORMED IN 1969 TO WORK ON THE REAGAN GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN. SHE BELIEVES APPOINTEE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN OF GOOD CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, AND REPUTATION. SHE STATED THAT SHE KNOWS NOTHING UNFAVORABLE CONCERNING APPOINTEE AND SHE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.

ON APRIL 7, 1982, [redacted] DMI, 2760 NORTH MAIN STREET, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT APPOINTEE HAS BEEN THE PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF THIS COMPANY SINCE 1969, WHEN IT WAS FORMED TO WORK ON THE REAGAN GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN. HE STATED THAT HE HAS WORKED FOR APPOINTEE SINCE THAT TIME AND BELIEVES HIM TO BE A VERY COMPETENT AND INTELLIGENT INDIVIDUAL WHO IS VERY COMMITTED TO HIS WORK. HE SAID APPOINTEE IS A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF HIS CHURCH AND A PERSON OF GOOD CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, AND REPUTATION. HE BELIEVES APPOINTEE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN OF HIGH INTEGRITY WHO IS HONEST AND TRUSTWORTHY. HE STATED THAT HE KNOWS NOTHING UNFAVORABLE CONCERNING APPOINTEE AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.

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RESIDENCE:

16109 RIO FLORIDA, WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, JULY 1969 TO SEPTEMBER 1981:

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ON APRIL 1, 1982, [redacted] ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT SHE KNEW APPOINTEE AND HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AS NEIGHBORS ALL THE TIME THEY LIVED IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD AT 16109 RIO FLORIDA, FROM ABOUT 1969 TO 1981. SHE SAID APPOINTEE, HIS WIFE, AND CHILDREN WERE ALL VERY FINE PEOPLE AND EXCELLENT NEIGHBORS. SHE SAID THAT SHE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING OF A DEROGATORY NATURE CONCERNING APPOINTEE OR ANY MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY. [redacted] SAID THAT WHILE LIVING AT THE ABOVE RESIDENCE APPOINTEE HAD HIS OWN BUSINESS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND SHE BELIEVES HE WAS INVOLVED IN SOME KIND OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH OR POLITICAL BUSINESS. SHE ALSO BELIEVES HE HAD A BRANCH OF THE COMPANY SOMEWHERE IN ORANGE COUNTY.

[redacted] DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS A VERY INTELLIGENT INDIVIDUAL OF HIGH MORAL STANDARDS WHO HAS AN EXCELLENT

PERSONALITY AND IS HONEST AND TRUSTWORTHY. SHE COMMENTED VERY FAVORABLY CONCERNING APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES, AND LOYALTY AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.

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ON APRIL 1, 1982, [redacted] ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE KNEW APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY AS NEIGHBORS FOR ABOUT EIGHT YEARS WHEN THEY RESIDED AT 16109 RIO FLORIDA. [redacted] SAID THAT HE MOVED INTO THIS RESIDENCE IN 1972 AND THAT APPOINTEE WAS ALREADY LIVING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AT THAT TIME. HE SAID APPOINTEE, HIS WIFE, AND HIS CHILDREN WERE ALL VERY FINE PEOPLE, WHO WERE EXCELLENT NEIGHBORS, AND HE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING UNFAVORABLE CONCERNING THEM. HE SAID APPOINTEE'S EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND WAS IN ECONOMICS AND THAT APPOINTEE HAD OPERATED SOME TYPE OF RESEARCH BUSINESS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. [redacted] SAID APPOINTEE HAS VERY HIGH MORAL STANDARDS, IS VERY INTELLIGENT, HONEST, TRUSTWORTHY, AND CONSIDERATE OF OTHER PEOPLE. HE BELIEVES APPOINTEE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN

CITIZEN OF GOOD CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, AND REPUTATION AND HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.

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ON APRIL 1, 1982, [redacted] ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE AND APPOINTEE MOVED INTO THIS NEIGHBORHOOD AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME IN 1969, AND HE KNEW APPOINTEE AS A NEIGHBOR AND FRIEND FROM THAT TIME TO 1981, WHEN APPOINTEE MOVED TO VIRGINIA. HE SAID HE AND APPOINTEE AND SOME OF APPOINTEE'S CHILDREN USED TO GO ON FISHING TRIPS TOGETHER. HE SAID APPOINTEE, HIS WIFE, AND HIS CHILDREN WERE ALL VERY FINE PEOPLE AND A CREDIT TO THE COMMUNITY. [redacted] SAID APPOINTEE IS A VERY GOOD FAMILY MAN WHO HAS HIGH MORAL STANDARDS AND GOOD PERSONAL HABITS, AND IS VERY HONEST. [redacted] COMMENDED VERY FAVORABLY CONCERNING APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES, AND LOYALTY AND SAID HE HAS NEVER HEARD ANYTHING OF A DEROGATORY NATURE CONCERNING APPOINTEE.

[redacted] ADVISED THAT APPOINTEE HAS OPERATED SOME TYPE OF POLITICAL POLLING OR CONSULTING BUSINESS IN

WASHINGTON, D. C. FOR MANY YEARS AND ALSO DID SOME WORK FOR RONALD REAGAN WHEN REAGAN WAS GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA. HE COULD NOT FURTHER DEFINE APPOINTEE'S ASSOCIATION WITH REAGAN. [redacted] SAID APPOINTEE IS VERY INTELLIGENT, DEPENDABLE, AND CONSIDERATE OF OTHER PEOPLE. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.

ON APRIL 1, 1982, [redacted] WHICH IS LOCATED IN BACK OF 16109 RIO FLORIDA, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT SHE KNEW APPOINTEE, HIS WIFE, AND HIS CHILDREN AS NEIGHBORS THE ENTIRE TIME APPOINTEE LIVED IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD WHICH WAS ABOUT TWELVE YEARS UP UNTIL 1981. HE SAID APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY WERE ALL VERY FINE AND RESPECTABLE PEOPLE AND SHE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING OF A DEROGATORY NATURE CONCERNING ANY OF THEM. SHE COMMENTED FAVORABLE CONCERNING APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY. SHE STATED THAT APPOINTEE WAS A VERY INTELLIGENT, HONES, PERSONABLE, AND FRIENDLY INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD HIGH MORAL STANDARDS AND WAS AN EXCELLENT

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FAMILY MAN. SHE STATED THAT SHE KNEW NOTHING UNFAVORABLE CONCERNING APPOINTEE AND SHE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.

ASSOCIATES:

ON APRIL 1, 1982, [redacted] ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE INITIALLY MET APPOINTEE ABOUT THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO WHEN HE AND BOTH APPOINTEE ATTENDED MURRAY HIGH SCHOOL, MURRAY, UTAH, WHERE BOTH GRADUATED. SINCE THAT TIME TO THE PRESENT HE AND APPOINTEE HAVE BEEN SOCIAL FRIENDS, AND IN RECENT YEARS TOWNSEND SAID HE HAS HAD SEVERAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS WITH APPOINTEE'S FIRM, DMI, 2760 NORTH MAIN STREET, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA. HE SAID APPOINTEE IS PRESIDENT OF THE FIRM WHOSE MAIN OFFICE IS LOCATED IN WASHINGTON, D.C., WHERE APPOINTEE WORKS. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE AS TO HIS CHARACTER, REPUTATION, CHOICE OF ASSOCIATES, AND LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS A VERY INTELLIGENT,

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HONEST, TRUSTWORTHY, AND CAPABLE INDIVIDUAL OF HIGH INTEGRITY. HE SAID APPOINTEE IS VERY ACCOMPLISHED AND COMPETENT IN SURVEY - RESEARCH TYPE WORK, WHICH IS THE TYPE OF WORK HIS FIRM IS ENGAGED IN. HE STATED THAT HE KNOWS NOTHING UNFAVORABLE CONCERNING APPOINTEE AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.

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ON APRIL 2, 1982, [redacted] WHO IS [redacted] MAGNOLIA SCHOOL DISTRICT, ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR THE PAST TWELVE YEARS, HAVING MET HIM THROUGH THEIR MUTUAL CHURCH WORK. HE SAID APPOINTEE, HIS WIFE, AND HIS CHILDREN ARE ALL VERY FINE PEOPLE AND HE HAS NEVER HEARD ANYTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING ANY OF THEM. HE BELIEVES APPOINTEE IS A VERY REPUTABLE INDIVIDUAL OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, AND LOYALTY. HE SAID APPOINTEE IS VERY HONEST, TRUSTWORTHY, AND DEPENDABLE AND IS AN EXCELLENT FAMILY MAN. HE STATED THAT APPOINTEE IS ALSO A VERY INTELLIGENT PERSON WHO HANDLES STRESS WELL,

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AND HAS GOOD PERSONAL HABITS.

[redacted] STATED THAT APPOINTEE HAS OPERATED THE DMI BRANCH IN WASHINGTON, D.C., FOR MANY YEARS. HE SAID DMI ALSO HAS A BRANCH IN SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AND THROUGH THIS WORK APPOINTEE MET AND DID SOME WORK FOR RONALD REAGAN WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. [redacted] STATED THAT HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.

CREDIT AND ARREST:

FILES OF THE CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHICH AGENCY COVERS LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTIES, CHECKED BY SC [redacted] ON MARCH 31, 1982, CONTAINED NO RECORD FOR APPOINTEE.

FILES OF THE CENTRAL COMPUTER FACILITIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, USED JOINTLY WITH THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT SINCE JANUARY 1972, WERE CHECKED BY SC [redacted] ON MARCH 31, 1982, AND NO RECORD WAS LOCATED FOR APPOINTEE OF [redacted]

FILES OF THE WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHECKED BY SA [redacted] ON APRIL 1, 1982, CONTAINED NO RECORD FOR APPOINTEE OR [redacted]

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FILES OF THE SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, CHECKED BY SC [redacted] ON APRIL 7, 1982, CONTAINED NO RECORD FOR APPOINTEE.

FILES OF THE CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (CLETS) REVEALED APPOINTEE WAS ISSUED A TRAFFIC CITATION ON MAY 30, 1980 FOR SPEEDING; HE PAID A FINE; AMOUNT NOT SHOWN.

TAX LIENS:

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ON MARCH 31, 1982, [redacted] FRANCHISE TAX BOARD, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,

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ADVISED SC [redacted] THAT SHE COULD LOCATE NO TAX LIENS CONCERNING APPOINTEE.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

ALL INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED WERE APPRISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THOSE REQUESTING CONFIDENTIALITY HAVE BEEN SO NOTED.

LOS ANGELES INDICES REFLECT DR. RICHARD B. WIRTHLIN, PRESIDENT OF DECISION MAKING INFORMATION (DMI), SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, WAS INTERVIEWED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE ENTITLED [redacted] RICO", BUREAU FILE 183-1318, LA FILE 183-250; OO: SACRAMENTO SC FILE 183-94).

DR. WIRTHLIN WAS INTERVIEWED DURING THE COURSE OF A POLITICAL CORRUPTION INVESTIGATION AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. DMI, WHICH CONDUCTS POLLING SURVEYS FOR POLITICAL STATE COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES, HAD CONDUCTED A SURVEY ON BEHALF OF THE REPUBLICAN CENTRAL STATE COMMITTEE OF CALIFORNIA DURING THE 1974 GUBERNATORIAL AND STATE WIDE ELECTIONS. THE FEE FOR

DMI SERVICES WAS PAID FOR BY THE SUMMA CORPORATION IN THE FORM OF A POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE. [redacted] WAS INDICATED AS A REGISTERED LOBBYIST RETAINED BY SUMMA INTERESTS. A $3000.00 PARTIAL PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED BY DMI, BUT THE REMAINDER $22,000.00 WAS NEVER PAID.

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RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN, SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED: APRIL 12, 1982.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO WFO DATED MARCH 25, 1982.

ON APRIL 12, 1982, [redacted] UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT (USOPM), NACI CENTER, BOYERS, PA, ADVISED THAT HIS INDICES CONTAIN NO RECORD FOR CAPTIONED APPLICANT.

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RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED APRIL 12, 1982

RE AIRTEL FROM THE BUREAU DATED MARCH 25, 1982.

ADMINISTRATIVE: ALL INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED WERE APPRISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THOSE REQUESTING CONFIDENTIALITY HAVE BEEN SO NOTED.

EDUCATION

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SC [redacted]:

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA:

ON APRIL 2, 1982, [redacted] OFFICE OF ADMISSION AND RECORDS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, VERIFIED THE ATTENDANCE OF RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN. WIRTHLIN WAS ADMITTED IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1957 COMPLETING EIGHT SEMESTERS AS OF THE

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PERIOD ENDING JUNE 1961, UNDERGRADUATE DIVISION. HE WAS READMITTED SEPTEMBER, 1962 AND COMPLETED ONE SEMESTER AS OF JANUARY, 1963. HE WAS READMITTED SEPTEMBER, 1963 AND COMPLETED ONE SEMESTER AS OF JANUARY, 1964. WIRTHLIN'S CHIEF SUBJECT OF STUDY WAS ECONOMICS AND HE RECEIVED A DOCTOR'S DEGREE IN PHILOSPHY ON JANUARY 29, 1964. IT IS SCHOOL'S POLICY NOT TO REVEAL GRADE POINT AVERAGE OR CLASS STANDING OF STUDENTS.

EMPLOYMENT

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted]

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA:

ON APRIL 12, 1982, [redacted] UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, STATED THAT ALL RECORDS PRIOR TO 1968 HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. CONSEQUENTLY, THERE IS NO WAY TO VERIFY THE EMPLOYMENT OF RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN AS A TEACHING ASSISTANT IN THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY FROM SEPTEMBER 1957 TO SEPTEMBER 1961.

ON APRIL 12, 1982, [redacted] FOR THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, STATED THERE ARE NO RECORDS WITHIN THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT THAT REFER TO

RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN AS A TEACHING ASSISTANT. [redacted] STATED THAT ALL OF THE RECORDS COVERING THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1957 TO SEPTEMBER 1961 WHEN WIRTHLIN STATES HE WAS A TEACHING ASSISTANT IN THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

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ARREST RECORDS

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SC [redacted]

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA:

ON APRIL 2, 1982, RECORDS WERE REVIEWED AT THE ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, CENTRALIZED IDENTIFICATION BUREAU, WITH NO IDENTIFIABLE ARREST RECORD LOCATED FOR APPOINTEE, RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN, BORN MARCH 15, 1931.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SC [redacted]:

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA:

ON APRIL 6, 1982, RECORDS OF THE BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT WERE REVIEWED WITH NO IDENTIFIABLE ARREST RECORD LOCATED REGARDING THE APPOINTEE, RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN, [redacted]

CREDIT RECORDS

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SE [redacted] b6 b7C

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AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA:

ON APRIL 1, 1982, A REVIEW OF THE RECORDS OF THE CREDIT BUREAU METRO INCORPORATED, WHICH COVERS THE ENTIRE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA, REVEALED NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (ROUTINE)

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RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: PAST (B).

REFERENCE BUREAU AIRTEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD, ET AL, DATED MARCH 25, 1982; NO COPY TO BUFFALO.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUFFALO, WIRTHLIN IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR WHITE HOUSE STAFF ACCESS. BORN MARCH 15, 1931, AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, AND RESIDES AT 7530 POTOMAC FALL ROAD, MCLEAN, VIRGINIA.

INVESTIGATION AT THE APPOINTEE'S FIRM, DECISION/MAKING/ INFORMATION, REVEALED THAT HIS WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE DID NOT OPEN UNTIL FEBRUARY, 1981, AND HAS ONLY THREE EMPLOYEES.

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THE APPOINTEE HAS AN OFFICE AT 6585 OLD DOMINION DRIVE, MCLEAN, VIRGINIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER (703) 556-0001. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ARE EMPLOYED AT THAT OFFICE AND HAVE KNOWN THE APPOINTEE FIVE OR MORE YEARS: [redacted];

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THE APPOINTEE ALSO WORKED FOR THE REAGAN FOR PRESIDENT CAMPAIGN AND ON THE PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION TEAM. [redacted]

Referral/Consult

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THE APPOINTEE'S MAIN OFFICE IS AT 2760 NORTH MAIN STREET, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER (714) 558-1321. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ARE EMPLOYED AT THAT OFFICE AND HAVE KNOWN THE APPOINTEE FIVE OR MORE YEARS: [redacted]

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A LONG TIME PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE OF THE APPOINTEE'S

IS [redacted] b6 b7C

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LEADS. ALEXANDRIA DIVISION. AT MCLEAN, VIRGINIA.

INTERVIEW LISTED EMPLOYEES AT DECISION/MAKING/INFORMATION.

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION. AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA.

INTERVIEW LISTED EMPLOYEES AT DECISION/MAKING/INFORMATION.

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RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN, SPIN, BUDED PAST

RE WFO TEL, APRIL 14, 1982.

ON APRIL 16, 1982, [redacted] ADVISED SA [redacted] HE HAS BEEN BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE SINCE 1968. [redacted] STATED IN 1968, [redacted] WAS SETTING UP HIS OWN COMPANY AND HIRED THE APPOINTEE'S COMPANY FOR A NUMBER OF SERVICES. [redacted] WAS FURTHER IMPRESSED WITH THE APPOINTEE THAT HE AND THE APPOINTEE BECAME PARTNERS IN 1969 AND CONTINUED AS SUCH UNTIL 1973 WHEN THE COMPANY HAD TO BE DIVIDED UP SO THAT [redacted] COULD ENTER PUBLIC SERVICE. [redacted] STATED THAT SINCE 1973, HE HAS KEPT IN CONTACT WITH THE APPOINTEE ON A SOCIAL BASIS. [redacted] DESCRIBED THE APPOINTEE AS BEING AN

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INDIVIDUAL WITH A HIGH SENSE OF INTEGRITY AND AN EXTREMELY STRAIGHT-FORWARD AND SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN. [redacted] FURTHER DESCRIBED THE APPOINTEE AS BEING SOMEONE WHO ADHERES STRICTLY TO THE TENETS OF THE MORMON RELIGION AND AN INDIVIDUAL OF UNQUESTIONABLE CHARACTER AND LOYALTY. [redacted] RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTEE WITHOUT RESERVATION FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.

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WHERE APPROPRIATE, PRIVACY ACT DATA FURNISHED THOSE PERSONS INTERVIEWED AND NONE REQUESTED CONFIDENTIALITY.

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RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN, SPECIAL INQUIRY,

BUDED: PAST.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL,

APRIL 14, 1982.

EMPLOYMENT:

DECISION MAKING INFORMATION (DMI), 2760

NORTH MAIN STREET, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, FEBRUARY

1969 TO PRESENT:

ON APRIL 22, 1982, [redacted]

DMI, 2760 NORTH MAIN STREET, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA,

ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS BEEN

EMPLOYED WITH DMI SINCE MAY 1, 1972, AT WHICH

TIME HE INITIALLY MET APPOINTEE WHO IS PRESIDENT OF

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DMI. HE STATED THAT HE HAS HAD A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH APPOINTEE IN THE INTERVENING YEARS TO PRESENT. HE SAID APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER AND GENERAL REPUTATION ARE EXCELLENT AND HIS LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS UNQUESTIONED. HE SAID THAT HE KNOWS OF ABSOLUTELY NO UNFAVORABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING APPOINTEE AND HAS NEVER HEARD ANYTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING ANY OF APPOINTEE'S ASSOCIATES. HE TERMED APPOINTEE A GENIUS WHO HAS A VERY INTRICATE GRASP OF DMI'S MAIN FUNCTION OF SECURING INFORMATION AND THEREAFTER ANALYZING THIS INFORMATION BASED ON SURVEYS AND POLLS. HE STATED THAT APPOINTEE MAKES A VERY CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORT TO INSURE ALL WORK PERFORMED BY DMI IS HONEST AND ETHICAL. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

ON APRIL 22, 1982, [redacted] DMI, 2760 NORTH MAIN, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT SHE FIRST MET APPOINTEE ABOUT JULY, 1969, WHEN BOTH SHE AND APPOINTEE ATTENDED THE

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SAME CHURCH IN WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA. SHE STATED THAT SHE COMMENCED EMPLOYMENT WITH DMI IN SEPTEMBER, 1972. SHE SAID THAT THROUGH CHURCH, SOCIAL, AND DMI ACTIVITIES, SHE FEELS THAT SHE KNOWS APPOINTEE QUITE WELL. SHE STATED THAT APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS ABOVE REPROACH AND HE IS VERY HONEST AND TRUSTWORTHY IN ALL PERSONAL AND BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS. SHE SAID THAT DUE TO THE NATURE OF DMI'S MAIN FUNCTIONS, APPOINTEE IS VERY UNBAISED AND ALWAYS SEEKS TO ARRIVE AT AN ACCURATE CONCLUSION BASED ON RAW INFORMATION. SHE SAID APPOINTEE CONSTANTLY STRIVES FOR PERFECTION IN THE END PRODUCT HE FURNISHES HIS CLIENTS. SHE STATED THAT SHE KNOWS NOTHING UNFAVORABLE CONCERNING APPOINTEE AND SHE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

ALL INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED WERE APPRISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THOSE REQUESTING

CONFIDENTIALITY HAVE BEEN SO NOTED.

LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES:

WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW DMI EMPLOYEES LISTED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE AND SUTEL RESULTS TO BUREAU. IT IS NOTED THAT MANY OF THESE EMPLOYEES WORK OUT OF THE OFFICE AND ARE DIFFICULT TO CONTACT.

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RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: APRIL 12, 1982

RE ALEXANDRIA TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED APRIL 9, 1982, AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED APRIL 14, 1982.

EMPLOYMENT

DECISION MAKING INFORMATION, 6858 OLD DOMINION DRIVE, MCLEAN, VIRGINIA. THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA MAURICE KELLIHER, JR., ON APRIL 20, 1982.

[redacted] ADVISED THAT SHE HAD KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE 1969. SHE HAD WORKED WITH APPOINTEE UNDER HIS PRIOR FIRM OF WIRTHLIN AND ASSOCIATES, WHICH WAS LATER CHANGED TO THE ABOVE. [redacted] DESCRIBED THE APPOINTEE AS AN UPSTANDING AND RESPECTED INDIVIDUAL WHO GOT ALONG WELL WITH THE

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EMPLOYEES AT THE OFFICE. IN ADDITION, HE HAD A STRONG MORAL AND RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND. [redacted] HAD ALSO SOCIALIZED WITH APPOINTEE ON OCCASION AND HAD NO REASON TO QUESTION HIS SOCIAL CONDUCT. [redacted] HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE AS TO CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY, AS WELL AS TO A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

[redacted] ADVISED THAT HE HAD KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE JUNE, 1976. HE HAD WORKED FOR APPOINTEE SINCE THAT TIME EXCEPT FOR ABOUT A TWO YEAR PERIOD IN WHICH HE LEFT THE FIRM. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS AN INTELLIGENT, HARD-WORKING INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS WELL RESPECTED BY THE EMPLOYEES IN THE OFFICE. IN ADDITION, HE HAD A STRONG LOYALTY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. [redacted] WAS NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING DEROGATORY REGARDING APPOINTEE. [redacted] HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE AS TO CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY, AS WELL AS TO A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

[redacted] ADVISED THAT SHE HAD WORKED FOR APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR YEARS. [redacted] DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS ONE OF THE FINEST MEN SHE HAS

EVER KNOWN. HE WAS AN HONEST AND FAIR INDIVIDUAL WHO ASSOCIATED WELL WITH THE EMPLOYEES AT HIS FIRM. [redacted] WAS NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING DEROGATORY REGARDING APPOINTEE. SHE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE AS TO CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY, AS WELL AS TO A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

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[redacted] ADVISED THAT SHE HAD WORKED FOR THE APPOINTEE SINCE MAY, 1980. SHE FURTHER ADVISED THAT SHE HAD MET APPOINTEE APPROXIMATELY FIVE OR SIX YEARS AGO WHEN SHE WAS IN COLLEGE, BUT SHE DID NOT ASSOCIATE WITH HIM ON A REGULAR BASIS UNTIL MAY OF 1980. SHE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS A VERY PERSONABLE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS EMPLOYEES AND TOOK A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THEM. IN ADDITION, HE HAD A DEEP LOYALTY FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EXPECTED HIS EMPLOYEES TO HAVE THE SAME LOYALTY. ALTHOUGH APPOINTEE WAS A DEMANDING INDIVIDUAL, HE DID ASSOCIATE WELL WITH HIS EMPLOYEES. [redacted] WAS NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING DEROGATORY REGARDING APPOINTEE. [redacted] RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE AS TO CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY, AS WELL AS TO A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

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[redacted] ADVISED THAT SHE HAD KNOWN APPOINTEE ON A SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL BASIS FOR APPROXIMATELY THIRTEEN YEARS. SHE HAD ONLY WORKED AT THE ABOVE FIRM FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF YEARS, BUT HAD KNOWN APPOINTEE ON A PERSONAL BASIS FOR APPROXIMATELY TWELVE YEARS PRIOR TO THAT TIME. [redacted] DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS AN INDIVIDUAL OF GREAT INTEGRITY AND DEVOTION TO GOD AND HIS FAMILY. [redacted] HAD THE HIGHEST RESPECT FOR APPOINTEE. [redacted] FURTHER ADVISED THAT APPOINTEE WAS A TOTALLY PRIVATE MAN WHO KEPT HIS PRIVATE LIFE SEPARATE FROM HIS BUSINESS AFFAIRS. [redacted] FURTHER ADVISED THAT SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING DEROGATORY REGARDING APPOINTEE. [redacted] HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE AS TO CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY, AS WELL AS TO A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

CREDIT CHECK

ON APRIL 9, 1982, SC [redacted] CAUSED A SEARCH TO BE MADE OF THE FILES OF THE CREDIT BUREAU OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA, INC., POST OFFICE BOX 232, MANASSAS, VIRGINIA, WHICH COVERS THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA AND WAS ADVISED THE FILES CONTAINED NO DEROGATORY RECORD REGARDING APPOINTEE.

ALL INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED WERE APPRISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THOSE REQUESTING CONFIDENTIALITY HAVE BEEN SO NOTED.

LEADS. [redacted] Referral/Consult

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Date 4/30/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-15915) (RUC) (C-1)

RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: PAST (B)

Re Buairtel to WFO, dated 3/25/82; FD 205, dated 4/12/82; WFO teletype to Bureau, et al, dated 4/14/82.

ADMINISTRATIVE

"Where appropriate, Privacy Act (e) (3) data was furnished to persons interviewed. Express promises of confidentiality, both limited and unlimited, have been noted where granted."

For information of the Bureau, investigation conducted after the Buded due to a heavy applicant caseload. Delay in reporting investigation due to backlog in the Steno Pool.

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WHITE HOUSE (WH)

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on 4/12/82:

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A review of the files of the Personnel Office, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President revealed no information about RICHARD R WIRTHLIN.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on 4/12/82:

[redacted] Office of Planning and Evaluation, WH advised he has known RICHARD WIRTHLIN on both a professional and personal basis since 1969. He has visited the appointee's home many times over the years and knows him well. [redacted] has complete trust in WIRTHLIN's character, reputation and honesty. He knows nothing which reflects adversely on the appointee and has no hesitation recommending him for access to the White House, or to sensitive information.

[redacted] OPE advised he has known the appointee since [redacted] went to work for WIRTHLIN during 1972. He worked part-time at first and later full time. He has a high regard for the appointee's professional skills and noted the appointee is a very skilled Economist and a fine Researcher. [redacted] has no hesitation recommending WIRTHLIN for a position of confidence and trust. Wirthlin is very careful with any sensitive information . [redacted] knows nothing negative about the appointee personally.

[redacted] OPE advised he worked for the appointee during the recent election campaign when WIRTHLIN served as the official pollster for the Reagan Campaign. In [redacted] opinion, WIRTHLIN is the best pollster in the nation. He stated that he knows nothing derogatory about the appointee and would recommend him for access to the White House.

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On 4/14/82 the following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] concerning the appointee, Richard Bitner Wirthlin.

[redacted] advised that she has known the appointee for approximately four years, since she came to work for him. [redacted] further advised that the Washington, D.C., office opened up fairly recently, about February, 1981, and prior to that, the appointee worked at his Santa Ana office in California. [redacted] stated that the appointee's firm does all the public polling for President Reagan and also does some marketing research. [redacted] described the appointee as a super person and stated that there was no more loyal person to the present Administration. [redacted] advised that the appointee had excellent character and she knew of no reason to question his associates, reputation or loyalty to the United States Government. Noting that the appointee was a Mormon, [redacted] advised that she knew of no problems regarding drugs or alcohol. [redacted] recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence, without reservation.

[redacted] advised that she has known the appointee on a professional basis for approximately fifteen months. [redacted] further advised that the appointee is a Mormon and is family oriented and shows much more concern for his employees than the average boss. [redacted] also stated that although the appointee is kind and generous, he is a very demanding boss and a good motivator. [redacted] knew of no problems relating to drugs or alcohol and she knew of no reason to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty to the United States Government. [redacted] recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence, without reservation.

[redacted] advised that she has known the appointee on a professional basis for ten months. [redacted] described the appointee as

a demanding employer, but also as understanding and as one who appreciates the work his employees turn out. [redacted] further described the appointee as dependable, cooperative, conscientious and discreet. [redacted] noted that the appointee had an immense amount of respect for President Reagan. [redacted] knew of no questionable or derogatory information concerning the appointee and she knew of no reason to question his character, associates, reputation or loyalty to the United States Government. [redacted] recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence, without reservation.

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The above three employees are the appointee's entire staff in Washington, D.C., therefore no additional employment interviews in Washington, D.C., will be obtained.

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On 4/14/82 the following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] concerning the appointee, Richard Bitner Wirthlin.

[redacted] advised that he has known the appointee for approximately seven years. [redacted] stated that he met the appointee professionally and advised that they were both involved in public opinion polling. [redacted] described the appointee as a "straight arrow" and as honest and down to earth. [redacted] further described the appointee as a good person and as dependable, cooperative, conscientious and discreet. [redacted] knew of no problems regarding drugs or alcohol and he knew of no reason to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty to the United States Government. [redacted] recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence, without reservation.

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On March 31, 1982, Senator Barry Goldwater, Arizona, was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] He advised as follows: b6 b7C

Senator Goldwater has known the appointee, Mr. Richard B. Wirthlin, for a number of years and holds him in very high esteem. The Senator stated that he gives Mr. Wirthlin high marks with regard to his competency, character, reputation, loyalty and integrity. He enjoys an excellent professional reputation, and no unfavorable information of any kind has every been made known to the Senator, which would cause him to question, in any way, Mr. Wirthlin's suitability for a position of trust. Senator Goldwater recommends Mr. Wirthlin, without reservation, for a position of trust and confidence.

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On April 13, 1982, [redacted] advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] that [redacted] is not available, however, he has been instructed by [redacted] to make the following statement on his behalf:

[redacted] has known the appointee, Mr. Richard B. Wirthlin, for approximately ten years and holds him in very high esteem. [redacted] described Mr. Wirthlin as being an individual of very good moral character and as a person whose loyalty to his country and personal integrity are above question. He is well regarded by his professional colleagues. [redacted] also took note of the fact that he and Mr. Wirthlin are neighbors at the present time as they both own homes on Potomac Fall Road in McLean, Virginia. Mr. Wirthlin enjoys an excellent reputation in his community. [redacted] emphasized the high personal and professional esteem that he has for Mr. Wirthlin and recommended him, without reservation, for a position of trust and confidence.

On April 15, 1982, [redacted] Utah, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] is not available, however, he is authorized to speak for him.

In this regard, [redacted] has known Mr. Richard B. Wirthlin on both a personal and a professional basis for approximately the past 20 years. [redacted] holds Mr. Wirthlin in very high regard and would describe him as being an individual of excellent moral character and as a person whose loyalty to his country and personal integrity are above question. Mr. Wirthlin is very well regarded by both his personal acquaintances as well as by his professional associates. [redacted] would recommend Mr. Wirthlin, without reservation, for a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] went on to say that he, himself, has known Mr. Wirthlin for a period of approximately 25 years, having attended the University of Utah with the appointee. He, too, was very complimentary in his remarks concerning the character, reputation, loyalty and associates of the appointee. [redacted] recommends Mr. Wirthlin, without reservation, for a position of trust and confidence.

It is to be noted that none of the above individuals were available for interview prior to the dates indicated.

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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

_____ caused a search to be made of the files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D.C., and was advised on _____, that the files contained (a satisfactory credit record) (no credit rating) (no record) for the _____.

On 4/10/82, a query was made in the Washington Area Law Enforcement computer (WALES) and it was determined that no record was located for MPD concerning the ~~applicant~~ appointee ~~(or relatives)~~. Richard B. Wirthlin.

It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records may not be in the computer and not available for review.

On 4/6/82, SC [redacted] determined that no record was contained in the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Motor Vehicle Services, Government of the District of Columbia files concerning the appointee ~~(or relatives)~~.

On 4/7/82, SC [redacted] searched the files of the United States Park Police and no identifiable adult criminal or traffic record could be located regarding the appointee.

MISCELLANEOUS

SC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised on 4/13/82 that ~~(no record)~~ (no derogatory information) ~~(no pertinent information)~~ was found concerning the appointee.

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UNCLAS

RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED PAST.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL 23, 1982.

EMPLOYMENT:

DECISION MAKING INFORMATION (DMI), 2760 NORTH MAIN STREET, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, FEBRUARY 1969 TO PRESENT:

ON MAY 6, 1982, [redacted] DMI, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE FIRST MET APPOINTEE FOURTEEN YEARS AGO WHEN HE FIRST STARTED WORKING FOR DMI. IN THE INTERVENING YEARS, HE FEELS THAT HE HAS HAD A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH APPOINTEE, MAINLY ON A BUSINESS BASIS, WITH INTERMITTENT SOCIAL CONTACT. HE STATED THAT APPOINTEE'S

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BUSINESS PRACTICES AND PERSONAL ACTIVITIES ARE VERY ETHICAL AND HONEST. HE SAID APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER AND REPUTATION ARE ABOVE REPROACH AND HE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN OF HIGH INTEGRITY WHO ASSOCIATES WITH REPUTABLE PEOPLE. HE STATED THAT HE KNOWS NOTHING UNFAVORABLE CONCERNING APPOINTEE AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST. HE FURTHER STATED THAT APPOINTEE WOULD BE AN ASSET TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF HIS EXPERTISE IN THE INFORMATION COLLECTING AREA.

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ON MAY 6, 1982, [redacted] DMI, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT SHE WAS INITIALLY EMPLOYED AT DMI FIVE AND ONE HALF YEARS AGO AND DURING HER EARLY YEARS WITH DMI, SHE SERVED AS APPOINTEE'S SECRETARY ON SEVERAL BRIEF OCCASIONS. SHE BELIEVES APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND CHOICE OF ASSOCIATES, IS EXCELLENT AND HIS LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS TOTALLY UNQUESTIONABLE. SHE SAID THAT APPOINTEE EXPECTS A LOT FROM ALL OF HIS EMPLOYEES, BUT HE IS PERSONABLE AND FAIR IN

ALL BUSINESS MATTERS. [redacted] STATED THAT SHE KNOWS NOTHING UNFAVORABLE CONCERNING APPOINTEE AND KNOWS THAT HE IS A PERSON OF HIGH INTEGRITY. SHE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.

ON MAY 6, 1982, [redacted] DMI, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT SHE MET APPOINTEE WHEN SHE BEGAN EMPLOYMENT WITH DMI IN 1972. SHE STATED THAT SHE HAS WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH APPOINTEE AND KNOWS THAT APPOINTEE EMPHASIZES QUALITY AND HONESTY TO ALL HIS EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE FINISHED PRODUCT OF THEIR WORK. SHE BELIEVES APPOINTEE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN OF HIGH INTEGRITY AND EXCELLENT CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, AND REPUTATION. SHE STATED THAT SHE KNOWS OF NOTHING UNFAVORABLE CONCERNING APPOINTEE AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.

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SHE BEGAN EMPLOYMENT WI DMI FIVE AND ONE HALF YEAR AGO. SHE HAS PERSONALLY DEALT WITH APPOINTEE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS ON A BUSINESS BASIS ONLY. SHE SAID THAT APPOINTEE PRACTICES A VERY HIGH DEGREE OF INTEGRITY IN ALL OF HIS BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS WITH CLIENTS AND CONSCIENTIOUSLY SEEKS TO TURN OUT AN ACCURATE, UNBIASED PRODUCT TO ALL OF HIS CLIENTS. SHE BELIEVES APPOINTEE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, AND REPUTATION. SHE STATED THAT SHE KNOWS NOTHING UNFAVORABLE CONCERNING APPOINTEE AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.

ON MAY 6, 1982, [redacted] DMI, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT SHE INITIALLY BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE WHEN SHE COMMENCED WORK FOR DMI ELEVEN YEARS AGO. SHE STATED THAT HER RELATIONSHIP WITH APPOINTEE HAS BEEN ON A BUSINESS BASIS ONLY. SHE STATED THAT APPOINTEE IS AN EXTREMELY LOYAL AMERICAN

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CITIZEN OF HIGH INTEGRITY AND EXCELLENT CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, AND REPUTATION. SHE SAID THAT SHE KNOWS NOTHING UNFAVORABLE CONCERNING APPOINTEE AND SHE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.

ON MAY 6, 1982, [redacted] b6 b7C DMI; SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT SHE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE 1972, WHEN SHE FIRST STARTED EMPLOYMENT AT DMI. SHE STATED THAT APPOINTEE IS ALWAYS VERY HONEST IN HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH DMI EMPLOYEES AND ALSO WITH HIS CLIENTS. SHE SAID APPOINTEE POSSESSES VERY GOOD CHARACTER TRAITS AND ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AMONG HIS EMPLOYEES AND WITH HIS CLIENTS. SHE BELIEVES APPOINTEE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN OF HIGH INTEGRITY AND SHE HAS NEVER HAD ANY REASON TO QUESTION HIS CHOICE OF ASSOCIATES. SHE STATED THAT SHE KNOWS OF NOTHING UNFAVORABLE CONGERNING APPOINTEE AND SHE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

ALL INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED WERE APPRISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THOSE REQUESTING CONFIDENTIALITY HAVE BEEN SO NOTED.

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BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF

10 WIRTHLIN, WHO WAS BORN MARCH 15, 1931, IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

WIRTHLIN CURRENTLY RESIDES IN MC LEAN, VIRGINIA, AND INDICATES

8 HE RESIDED IN TEMPE, ARIZONA, FROM MARCH, 1968, TO JULY, 1969.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
PHOENIX	BUREAU	6/9/82	6/9/82

TITLE OF CASE: RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] TYPED BY: jlm b6 b7C

CHARACTER OF CASE: SPIN

REFERENCE: Phoenix teletype to Bureau, dated 6/9/82.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Phoenix indices negative re appointee.

All individuals contacted were apprised of the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 and those requesting confidentiality have been so noted. b6 b7C

Confidential sources are as follows:

PX T-1 is [redacted] Tempe, Arizona Police Department.

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APPROVED [redacted] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Criminal records negative re appointee.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Tempe, Arizona:

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On June 9, 1982, PX T-1, Tempe, Arizona Police Department, advised that the records of the Tempe, Arizona Police Department contain no information identifiable with the appointee.

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RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN; SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: PAST.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO PHOENIX DATED JUNE 7, 1982.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA [redacted]

[redacted] AT TEMPE, ARIZONA:

CRIMINAL:

ON JUNE 9, 1982, PX T-1 ADVISED THAT THE RECORDS OF THE TEMPE, ARIZONA, POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

PHOENIX INDICES NEGATIVE REGARDING APPOINTEE, RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN.

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: PAST

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO RICHMOND JUNE 7, 1982.

ON JUNE 8, 1982, [redacted] OPERATOR'S LICENSE SECTION, DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, ADVISED SPECIAL CLERK [redacted] THAT THE FILES OF HIS DEPARTMENT FAILED TO REFLECT ANY TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS ON FILE FOR APPOINTEE.

WHERE APPROPRIATE, PRIVACY ACT (E) (3) DATA WAS FURNISHED TO PERSONS INTERVIEWED. EXPRESS PROMISES OF CONFIDENTIALITY, BOTH LIMITED AND UNLIMITED, HAVE BEEN NOTED WHERE GRANTED.

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Honorable Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Dear Mr. Fielding:

In accordance with a request received from you on March 24, 1982, an investigation has been conducted concerning Dr. Richard Bitner Wirthlin. Transmitted herewith are two copies of a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

Sincerely yours,

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Oliver B. Revell
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

An Applicant-type investigation was conducted in June, 1982 concerning the captioned individual. The results of this investigation were furnished to the White House. For detailed results of this investigation, you are referred to [redacted] at the White House.

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Note: Dr. Wirthlin is currently self-employed as Decision Making Information, Washington, D. C., and Santa Ana, California, and is being investigated for White House access. Investigation favorable and complete.

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SUMMARY

RICHARD BITNER WIRTHLIN

THE INVESTIGATION OF DR. WIRTHLIN COVERED INQUIRIES IN THE UNITED STATES AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY, AND GENERAL STANDING, BUT NO INQUIRIES WERE MADE AS TO THE SOURCES OF HIS INCOME.

Birth

Dr. Wirthlin was born on March 15, 1931, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Education

Dr. Wirthlin attended the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, from September, 1949, to December, 1950; September, 1953, to December, 1953; evenings during 1954 and 1955; and September, 1955, to May, 1957; receiving a B.A. degree in August, 1956, and an M.A. degree in August, 1957.

He attended the University of California, Berkeley, California, from September, 1957, to June, 1961; September, 1962, to January, 1963; and September, 1963, to January, 1964, receiving a PhD degree in January 1964.

Military Service

Dr. Wirthlin was inducted into the United States Army on January 18, 1954, and served on active duty from January 18, 1954, to October 17, 1955, when he was honorably released as a Specialist Third Class. He was transferred to the United States Army Reserve and served in an inactive status until he was honorably discharged on January 31, 1962. His service record is clear.

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Richard Bitner Wirthlin

Employment

June, 1943, to January, 1951, and September, 1953, to January, 1954	Wirthlin and Sons, Salt Lake City, Utah, as a truck driver and laborer
February, 1951, to September, 1953	Serving on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah, in Basel, Switzerland
January, 1956, to September, 1957	University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, as a teaching assistant
September, 1957, to September, 1961	Dr. Wirthlin indicated he was employed by the University of California, Berkeley, California, as a teaching assistant. This employment could not be verified because employment records have been destroyed.
September, 1961, to February, 1969, and January, 1977, to August, 1978	Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, as a professor
February, 1969, to the present	Self-employed as Decision Making Information, Washington, D. C., as President

In addition to the foregoing, Dr. Wirthlin served as an assistant on an intermittent basis at the Reagan for President Campaign Office and for the Presidential Transition Team.

Family Status

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Dr. Wirthlin is married to the former [redacted] and they reside at 7530 Potomac Fall Road, Mc Lean, Virginia.

Dr. Wirthlin has indicated his wife is a United States citizen.

Richard Bitner Wirthlin

Dr. Wirthlin's parents, Joseph Legrand and Madeline Bitner, are deceased. Dr. Wirthlin has listed the following living close relatives:

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Based on the background information provided by Dr. Wirthlin, he has no close relatives residing in communist-controlled countries.

Interviews

Forty-one persons, consisting of current and former co-workers and colleagues, present and former neighbors, references, professional associates, and social acquaintances, were interviewed. They advised Dr. Wirthlin is a loyal American whose character, reputation and associates are above reproach. He was described as competent, ethical, dedicated, capable, energetic, and hardworking. All persons interviewed recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

Richard Bitner Wirthlin

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. Wirthlin.

Information has been received from appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no record concerning Dr. Wirthlin or his close relatives.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating [redacted] concerning Dr. Wirthlin:

Referral/Consult

Division of Personnel Investigations, Office of Personnel Management; [redacted] Defense Central Index of Investigations; United States Secret Service; and The White House Office.

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, were checked by name only, and contain no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. Wirthlin.

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE:

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Synopsis: DMV, Richmond, Va., negative re Wirthlin.

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DETAILS:

ARREST

On June 8, 1982, [redacted] Operator's License Section, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Richmond, Virginia, advised the files of her department failed to reflect any traffic violations on file for Wirthlin.

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